

REMARKS

The Examiner has delineated the following inventions as being patentably distinct:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a device, classified in class 257,  
subclass 99; and

Group II: Claims 1-20, drawn to a method, classified in class 438,  
subclass 22.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 26, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-8 drawn to a device.

Further Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter, if so desired, and be accorded the benefit of the filing date of the parent applications. Divisional applications filed thereafter should not be subject to double-patenting ground of rejection, 35 U.S.C. § 121, In re Joyce (Comr. Pat. 1957) 115 U.S.P.Q. 412.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

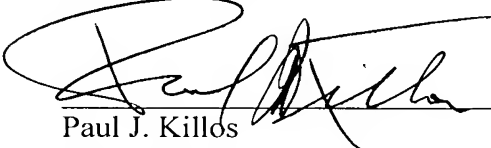
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